You might call those of us at Bon Appétit particular. We don’t bake brownies with just any chocolate, or sprinkle our eggs with just any salt. Our ingredients are so important to the way we cook that we decided to make it official—with a seal of approval. Used correctly, these 50 items will upgrade every aspect of your culinary life, guaranteed.

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BAKING

EVERYDAY BUTTER  CHOCOLATE (BA...  FLOUR  PEANUT BUTTER  FINISHING SUGAR

VANILLA EXTRACT  PUFF PASTRY

CONDIMENT S, SAUCES, OILS & SPICES
PEPPERCORNS WINNER:

India Tree Tellicherry

Because we use peppercorns to lend both an exotic and expected flavor to almost every dish, choosing the right ones to freshly grind (a must!) is one of our more significant purchases. Tellicherry are the biggest and ripest, and we find those from India Tree to be consistently fresh—which has a huge impact on how they taste.

($12.55/4.5 oz.) cheftools.com